GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

School Education Department – Samagra Shiksha - Strengthening of District Administration - Method of appointing of Additional Project Co-ordinator, Samagra Shiksha – Guidelines framed – Orders – Issued.

SCHOO L EDUCATION (PROG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 71 **Dated: 17-10-2019**

Read the following

1. GO.Ms.No.143, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (RD-1), Dated 09.05.2012,
2. From the CSE, A.P and the SPD, SSA, AP, Lr.Rc.No.228/ Estt.II/2017, Dated:7-08-2019.

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In the reference 1st read above, a screening committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Government for selection of suitable Government officers for posting as Project Officers, (ITDA), Project Directors, DRDA / DWMA, PD(Urban) MEPMA etc. and PO, RVM(SSA) and framed comprehensive guidelines for considerations of certain category of officers for the said posts.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner of School Education, AP and the State Project Director, SSA, AP have stated that the Project Officers, SSA do not have the required administrative set up at the divisional and Mandal Level where they have to get work done in association with the Mandal Educational Officers etc., who report to the District Educational Officer. As such, there has to be coordination between the Project Officers, SSA and Dy. Educational Officers/ Mandal Educational Officers and District Educational Officers. The Project Officers (SSA) are independently reporting to the District Collector & Chairman of SSA without knowledge of the District Educational Officer & Ex-Officio District Project Coordinator. Due to the parallel activities taken up by the District Educational Officer and the Project Officers (SSA), there are several practical gaps at the field level resulting in poor supervision of academic and administrative activities of schools at field level. This is also creating dual reporting system and issue of conflicting directions and varying expectations. Further, initiating disciplinary action against the officers engaged from other departments for misappropriation or mismanagement is also difficult issue. Engaging the services of officers from Education department as Project Officers (SSA) who shall report to District Educational Officer and Ex-officio District Project Coordinator (SSA) will ensure single line administration and optimum utilization of available resources. Therefore they have requested to review the orders issued in the reference 1st read above and discontinue the existing system duly amending the provisions with regard to appointment of PO (SSA) for implementing Samagra Shiksha Programme.

3. Government after careful examination of the matter have observed that the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India has completely revamped the SSA to provide holistic support to Primary and Secondary Education. The Union Budget, 2018-19, has proposed to treat school education holistically without segmentation from pre-nursery to Class XII. Samagra Shiksha - an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII has been, therefore, prepared with the broader goal of improving school effectiveness measured in terms of equal opportunities for schooling and equitable learning outcomes. It subsumes the three schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). Accordingly the same spirit needs to percolate to the State and District level so that the synergistic working of Commissioner of School Education and Samagra Shiksha Society will provide maximum impetus to the functioning of the School Education ecosystem. Therefore Government decided to revamp the current system, which is in total disarray and hereby order to withdraw the post of Project Officer, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (Rajiv Vidhya Mission) from the purview of orders issued in the reference 1st read above and framed guidelines as follows:

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i. The nomenclature of the post of Project Officer, SSA shall be changed as “Additional Project Co-ordinator, Samagra Shiksha".
ii. District Educational Officer shall be Ex-officio District Project Coordinator, Samagra Shiksha.
iii. The officers from the School Education Department i.e, Deputy Educational Officers / Assistant Directors (with B.Ed.)/Grade-I HMs shall be appointed as Additional Project Coordinator (Samagra Shiksha).
iv. The Additional Project Co-ordinator, Samagra Shiksha shall report to the District Educational Officer & Ex-officio District Project Coordinator.
v. In the absence of availability of officers from the School Education Department, the officers in the cadre of Deputy Educational Officers with the B.Ed qualifications from the Welfare Departments of Social Welfare, Tribal Welfare, B.C. Welfare with minimum 3 years experience and aptitude for community mobilization for upliftment of SC, ST, BC Minority and CWsN (Children With Special needs).
vi. The officers identified shall be with unblemished record and shall not have any disciplinary cases pending against them.
vii. The tenure of such deputation shall not be more than three years. If the services are not satisfactory within that period such officers shall be repatriated.

4. Further Government hereby constitutes a Selection Committee under the Chairmanship the Principal Secretary to Government, School Education Department with the following Members to examine the candidature for the post of Additional Project Co-ordinator, Samagra Shiksha and select a panel and recommend to Government for issue of orders:

1. Principal Secretary to Government, School Education : Chairman
2. Commissioner of School Education : Member Convenor
3. State Project Director, SSA : Member

5. The Commissioner of School Education, AP and the State Project Director, SSA, AP shall take further necessary action in the matte accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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